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INFO AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE  
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TAGS: SNAR, PGOV, NU  
SUBJECT: FIVE SENTENCED IN MENESES CASE

REF: A) 91 MANAGUA 9184 B) MANAGUA 1524

1. ON AUGUST 16 A MANAGUA JURY RETURNED A VERDICT  
OF "GUILTY" AGAINST FIVE OF THE SEVEN INDIVIDUALS  
ACCUSED IN THE MENESES CASE (REF A). THE CASE  
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RESULTED FROM THE SEIZURE OF 720 KILOS OF COCAINE IN  
NICARAGUA. ON AUGUST 25 A JUDGE HANDED DOWN THE  
FOLLOWING SENTENCES:

NORWIN MENESES CANTARERO - 25 YEARS,

ENRIQUE MIRANDA JAIME - 14 YEARS,

LUIS ENRIQUE MENESES CANTARERO AND ISMAEL GUERRERO -  
10 YEARS EACH, AND

GERARDO LACAYO - 5 YEARS.

2. DURING THE THREE-DAY TRIAL, NORWIN MENESES  
CLAIMED, AS HE HAD DONE IN THE PAST (REF B), THAT HE  
WAS BEING PERSECUTED BY THE FSLN, AND THAT MEMBERS  
OF THE FSLN'S NATIONAL DIRECTORATE WERE RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE COCAINE SHIPMENT. HE PRODUCED NO PROOF OF  
THIS ALLEGATION, AND THE JURY CLEARLY DID NOT

BELIEVE IT.

3. MIRANDA TESTIFIED AGAINST NORWIN MENESES. HE  
ALSO CLAIMED THAT MENESES HAD PUT OUT A DOLLARS  
10,000 CONTRACT ON HIS LIFE. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER  
REPORTS, AFTER THE TRIAL MIRANDA WAS MOVED TO A  
SEPARATE JAIL.  
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